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This Bulletin contains an analysis, in summary form, of the population and dwellings of the Territory of Norfolk Island as enumerated at the Census of 30th. June, 1954.

Particulars shown for the population relate to age, conjugal condition, birthplace, period of residence in Norfolk Island of those born outside Norfolk Island, nationality, religion, industry and occupational status. Particulars of dwellings relate to class of dwelling, material of outer walls, number of rooms, number of inmates, and nature of occupancy.

PART A. - POPULATION OF THE TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND, CENSUS 30TH. JUNE, 1954.

1. Age. The following table shows the ages of the population of Norfolk Island in five-year groups.

TABLE 1. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND: AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Age last Birthday (years)	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954				
						Persons		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Percent. of Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
0- 4	41	29	70	45	52	97	10.29	27
5- 9	47	38	85	40	39	79	8.39	- 6
10-14	28	25	53	32	29	61	6.48	8
15-19	35	25	60	13	17	30	3.18	- 30
20-24	42	24	66	19	22	41	4.35	- 25
25-29	26	26	52	35	27	62	6.58	10
30-34	40	31	71	31	32	63	6.69	- 8
35-39	28	28	56	24	29	53	5.63	- 3
40-44	35	39	74	38	40	78	8.28	4
45-49	32	33	65	34	29	63	6.69	- 2
50-54	25	24	49	29	32	61	6.48	12
55-59	24	28	52	28	28	56	5.94	4
60-64	32	30	62	32	23	55	5.84	- 7
65 & over	70	53	123	78	65	143	15.18	20
TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	100.00	4
Under 21	160	124	284	135	142	277	29.41	- 7
21-49	194	174	368	176	174	350	37.15	- 18
50 & over	151	135	286	167	148	315	33.44	29
TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	100.00	4

The largest numerical differences between the 1954 and the 1947 Census figures were in respect of the 0-4, 15-19, 20-24 and 65 and over age groups, the first and last of these groups showing increases of 20 or more persons as compared with 1947, and the other two groups showing similar decreases since 1947.

The Under 21 group constituted 29 per cent. of the population in 1954 (30 per cent. in 1947); the 21-49 group 37 per cent. (39 per cent. in 1947); and the 50 and over group 33 per cent. (31 per cent.).

2. Conjugal Condition. The following table shows the population of Norfolk Island classified according to conjugal condition.

TABLE 2. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : CONJUGAL CONDITION OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Conjugal Condition	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
Never Married -							
Under 15 years of age	116	92	208	117	120	237	29
15 years of age and over	131	78	209	74	65	139	- 70
TOTAL	247	170	417	191	185	376	- 41
Married	205	196	401	225	215	440	39
Married but permanently Separated	5	11	16	12	8	20	4
Widowed	34	49	83	43	46	89	6
Divorced	14	7	21	7	9	16	- 5
Not Stated	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	4

At the 1954 Census slightly less than 40 per cent. of the total population of Norfolk Island stated their conjugal condition as never married; 49 per cent. as married (including 2.1 per cent. married but permanently separated); 9.4 per cent. as widowed; and 1.7 per cent. as divorced. In 1947, 44.5 per cent. of the Norfolk Island population described themselves as never married; 44.5 per cent. as married, including those married but permanently separated; 8.8 per cent. as widowed; and 2.2 per cent. as divorced.

3. Birthplace. The following table shows the birthplace of the population of Norfolk Island at the Censuses of 1947 and 1954.

TABLE 3. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : BIRTHPLACES OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Birthplace	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
Australasia -							
Australia	82	85	167	88	98	186	19
New Zealand	110	55	165	101	95	196	31
Norfolk Island	255	233	488	218	214	432	- 56
Total Australasia	447	373	820	407	407	814	- 6
Europe -							
England	28	25	53	43	32	75	22
Wales	1	3	4	2	-	2	- 2
Scotland	5	-	5	6	3	9	4
Ireland	5	2	7	3	2	5	- 2
Other	2	4	6	5	3	8	2
Total Europe	41	34	75	59	40	99	24
Asia -							
Total	4	4	8	-	1	1	- 7
Africa -							
Total	1	2	3	1	3	4	1
America -							
Total	1	3	4	5	6	11	7
Polynesia -							
Fiji	2	4	6	1	2	3	- 3
New Caledonia	1	2	3	2	2	4	1
New Hebrides	7	10	17	1	3	4	- 13
Other	1	1	2	2	-	2	-
Total Polynesia	11	17	28	6	7	13	- 15
GRAND TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	4

At 30th. June, 1954, persons born in Norfolk Island constituted 46 per cent. of the population, compared with 52 per cent. in 1947. Persons born in Australia or New Zealand constituted 40 per cent. in 1954 compared with 35 per cent. in 1947; European-born persons (mainly born in England), 10.5 per cent. in 1954, and 8.0 per cent. in 1947.

4. Period of Residence in Norfolk Island of Persons born outside Norfolk Island. At the Census of 30th. June, 1954, 48 per cent. of the 510 persons born outside Norfolk Island had resided in the island for under 5 years; 24 per cent. for 5 years and under 15 years; and 24 per cent. for 15 years and over. Corresponding figures for the 450 persons born outside Norfolk Island in 1947 were, respectively, 61 per cent.; 11 per cent; 28 per cent. In 1954, 4 per cent. of those born outside the island did not state their period of residence.

TABLE 4. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN NORFOLK ISLAND OF PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE NORFOLK ISLAND, CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Period of Residence	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
Under 1 year	104	69	173	59	42	101	- 72
1 Year and under 2 years	28	23	51	17	28	45	- 6
2 Years and under 3 years	19	8	27	17	13	30	3
3 Years and under 4 years	8	8	16	14	21	35	19
4 Years and under 5 years	2	3	5	16	19	35	30
Total under 5 years	161	111	272	123	123	246	- 26
5 Years and under 6 years	1	1	2	15	23	38	36
6 " " " 7 "	1	3	4	16	10	26	22
7 " " " 8 "	3	2	5	9	4	13	8
8 " " " 9 "	3	4	7)				
9 " " " 10 "	3	1	4)	21	22	43	3
10 " " " 15 "	13	16	29)				
Total 5 years and under 15 years	24	27	51	61	59	120	69
15 Years and over	65	62	127	66	58	124	- 3
Not Stated	-	-	-	10	10	20	20
Born outside Norfolk Island	250	200	450	260	250	510	60
Born in Norfolk Island	255	233	488	218	214	432	- 56
TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	4

5. Nationality (i.e. - Allegiance). At 30th. June, 1954, persons of British nationality (471 males, 459 females) constituted, as in 1947, about 99 per cent. of the population of Norfolk Island.

6. Religion. The following table sets out particulars of the religions of those persons who answered this question (which was not obligatory).

The denominations with the largest number of stated adherents in 1954 were:- Church of England, 497; Methodist, 162; Seventh Day Adventist, 61; and Roman Catholic and Catholic (so described), 61. The percentages to total Christian population represented by these numbers were 59, 19, 7 and 7 per cent. respectively, much the same proportions as in 1947. In 1954, 9.9 per cent. of the population did not reply to the question on religion, as compared with 6.1 per cent. in 1947.

TABLE 5. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : RELIGIONS OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Religion	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
Christian -							
Catholic, Roman (a)	34	14	48	27	31	58	10
Catholic (a)	4	8	12	2	1	3	- 9
Church of England	256	254	510	233	264	497	- 13
Methodist	88	77	165	90	72	162	- 3
Presbyterian	33	14	47	23	18	41	- 6
Protestant (undefined)	2	2	4	7	5	12	8
Seventh Day Adventist	25	29	54	29	32	61	7
Other (including Christian undefined)	17	11	28	3	3	6	- 22
Total, Christian	459	409	868	414	426	840	- 28
Non-Christian, Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indefinite or No Religion	7	6	13	7	2	9	- 4
No Reply	39	18	57	57	36	93	36
GRAND TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	4

(a) So described in individual Census Schedules.

7. Industry. - The following table shows the main groups of industry in which the population of Norfolk Island was engaged.

TABLE 6. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : INDUSTRY OF THE POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Industry Group	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
Primary Production -							
Agriculture, Grazing and Dairying	79	-	79	52	3	55	- 24
Other	16	-	16	3	-	3	- 13
Total Primary Production	95	-	95	55	3	58	- 37
Manufacturing	22	2	24	23	3	26	2
Building and Construction	26	-	26	65	-	65	39
Transport and Storage	14	1	15	19	-	19	4
Communication	14	15	29	14	1	15	- 14
Commerce	16	11	27	20	18	38	11
Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Professional Activities	82	14	96	45	15	60	- 36
Amusement, Hotels, Personal Services, etc.	7	25	32	12	23	35	3
Other, Inadequately Defined, or Not Stated	37	-	37	20	4	24	- 13
Total in Work Force	313	68	381	273	67	340	- 41
Persons not in Work Force	192	365	557	205	397	602	45
GRAND TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	4

8. Occupational Status. The following table sets out details of the Occupational Status of the population (i.e. the capacity in which persons are engaged in the various branches of industry, whether as employer, employee, etc.) of the Island at 30th. June, 1954, compared with the 1947 Census.

TABLE 7. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS OF POPULATION AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Occupational Status	Census 30th. June, 1947			Census 30th. June, 1954			
						Persons	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Total	Increase or decrease (-) since 1947
In Work Force -							
At Work -							
Employer	21	5	26	19	2	21	- 5
Self-employed	89	8	97	64	16	80	- 17
Employee	191	53	244	173	44	217	- 27
Helper (not on wage or salary)	1	-	1	3	-	3	2
Total	302	66	368	259	62	321	- 47
Not at Work	10	2	12	3	3	6	- 6
Not Stated	1	-	1	11	2	13	12
Total in Work Force	313	68	381	273	67	340	- 41
Not in Work Force	192	365	557	205	397	602	45
TOTAL	505	433	938	478	464	942	4

Of the total persons in the work force at 30th. June, 1954, 64 per cent. were employees, 24 per cent. were self-employed, and 6 per cent. were employers. The proportions in 1947 were very similar. The proportion of persons not in the work force was 64 per cent. in 1954 compared with 59 per cent. in 1947.

PART B. - DWELLINGS IN THE TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND, CENSUS 30TH. JUNE, 1954.

1. Dwellings according to Class. For the purpose of the Census, a "dwelling" is any habitation occupied by a household group living together as a domestic unit, whether comprising the whole or only part of a building.

Occupied dwellings are classified into private and other dwellings.

Private dwellings comprise mainly private houses (including sheds, huts, etc. used for dwelling purposes), shares of private houses, flats, etc.

Dwellings other than private include Hotels, Boarding Houses, Hospitals, etc.

Unoccupied Dwellings refer to completed dwellings temporarily or otherwise vacant on Census date.

At 30th. June, 1954, occupied private houses constituted more than 95 per cent., and all occupied private dwellings almost 97 per cent., of the total occupied dwellings of Norfolk Island. The total occupied private houses at 30th. June, 1954, showed an increase of 29, or 11 per cent., over the total at 30th. June, 1947.

TABLE 8. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : DWELLINGS ACCORDING TO CLASS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Class of Dwelling	Census 30th. June, 1947	Census 30th. June, 1954
Occupied Private Dwellings -		
Private House	266	295
Other	5	5
Total Occupied Private Dwellings	271	300
Occupied Dwellings other than Private —		
Boarding House, etc.	6	8
Other	2	2
Total Occupied Other Dwellings	8	10
Total Occupied Dwellings	279	310
Unoccupied Dwellings	43	41
Dwellings being Built	5	2
GRAND TOTAL	327	353

2. Occupied Private Houses according to Material of Outer Walls. At the Census of 1954 occupied wooden houses constituted 81 per cent., and fibro-cement 14 per cent., of the total occupied private houses. The number of wooden houses increased by 12 per cent. from 1947 to 1954, and the number of fibro-cement houses by 24 per cent.

TABLE 9. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO MATERIAL OF OUTER WALLS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Census of 30th. June	Material of Outer Walls -						Total
	Brick	Stone	Wood	Iron	Fibro-cement	Other and Not Stated	
1947	-	9	214	8	34	1	266
1954	2	5	239	7	42	-	295

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

3. Occupied Private Houses according to Number of Rooms. The greatest increases in the numbers of occupied private houses since the 1947 Census occurred in the 5, 6 and 7-roomed houses, which increased by 21 per cent.

There were at 30th. June, 1954, 204 occupied private houses in Norfolk Island with 4, 5 or 6 rooms. This represented 69 per cent. of the total number of occupied private houses.

TABLE 10. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ROOMS AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Census of 30th. June -	Number of Rooms -											Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 and over	Not Stated	
1947	3	9	12	61	66	58	30	16	4	7	-	266
1954	3	4	16	56	78	70	38	11	6	11	2	295

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

4. Occupied Private Houses according to Number of Inmates. Occupied private houses in Norfolk Island with 1 or 2 inmates increased by 35 per cent. from a total of 121 in 1947 to 163 in 1954, but houses with a greater number of inmates showed decreases or slight increases only.

The average number of inmates per occupied private house decreased from 3.0 persons in 1947 to 2.8 persons at 30th. June, 1954.

TABEL 11. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF INMATES AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Census of 30th. June -	Number of Inmates -										Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 and over	
1947	44	77	58	38	24	13	5	5	1	1	266
1954	62	101	48	42	18	13	6	2	-	3	295

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

5. Occupied Private Houses according to Nature of Occupancy. Of all occupied private houses in Norfolk Island at 30th. June, 1954, 67 per cent. were occupied by owners, (compared with 72 per cent. in 1947), and 24 per cent. were occupied by tenants (compared with 20 per cent. in 1947).

Proportional increases since 1947 were:- owners, 4 per cent.; tenants, 36 per cent.

TABLE 12. - TERRITORY OF NORFOLK ISLAND : OCCUPIED PRIVATE HOUSES (a) CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF OCCUPANCY AT THE CENSUSES OF 1947 AND 1954.

Census of 30th. June -	Owner	Purchaser by Instalments	Tenant	Caretaker	Other Methods of Occupancy	Not Stated	Total
1947	192	1	53	13	6	1	266
1954	199	-	72	17	4	3	295

(a) Includes Sheds, Huts, etc.

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